

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

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COURT POLICY REGARDING ELECTRONIC DEVICES IN COURTROOMS

Effective November 21, 2006, the following policy will govern the possession and use of electronic devices in the United States District Courthouses for the District of South Carolina.

PROHIBITED ITEMS

The following items may not be brought into the courthouse: cell phones, wireless email devices such as the BlackBerry or Treo, tape recorders, cameras, or personal digital assistants such as the Palm Pilot. If such items are brought to the courthouse, they must be left with security upon entering the courthouse. The Court and the Marshal's Office assume no responsibility for items left with security.

RESTRICTED ITEMS

Laptop computers are allowed in the courthouses under the following terms and conditions:

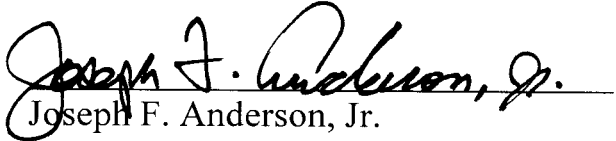
Attorneys, paralegals, witnesses and other support staff: These individuals will be permitted to bring laptops into the courtrooms provided they secure the approval of the judge presiding over the case. Such approval may be given by telephone. Judges and members of the judge's chambers and courtroom staff are authorized to give this permission.

Other Persons: Each individual judge retains the discretion to permit other persons (e.g. members of the public and representatives of the news media) to bring laptops into the courtroom on a case-by-case basis.

Any person bringing a laptop into a United States District Courthouse shall use the laptop only for purposes of evidence presentation, research, emailing and note taking. Under no circumstances may these devices be used to conduct audio or video

recording of courtroom proceedings. Violation of this policy will subject the offender to confiscation of the laptop and possible contempt sanctions.

For the Court

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Joseph F. Anderson, Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

Joseph F. Anderson, Jr.
Chief United States District Judge

Columbia, South Carolina
November 21, 2006

